

DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT

Claims 1, 4-7, 9, 11, 15, 17, 19, 20, 23-27 and 30-35 are active in this application.

The Examiner has indicated that Claims 1, 4-7, 9, 11, 24 and 30-35 are allowable and Claims 15, 17, 19, 20 and 27 are objected to. Therefore, Claims 15, 17, 19 and 20 and 27 have been amended to depend either directly or indirectly from Claim 1 to obtain their allowance. The remaining pending Claims also depend either directly or indirectly on Claim 1 and therefore are allowable.

Claims 2, 3, 8, 10, 12-14, 16, 18, 21, 22, 28 and 29 are canceled. These claims have been canceled without prejudice and to render moot the rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent 4,938,910.

Since all of the issues have been resolved by these changes, this application is now in condition for allowance and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the case to issue.

If there are any unresolved issues the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at telephone No. 703-412-5934.

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